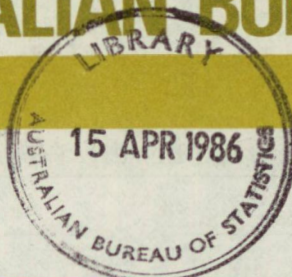


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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1985

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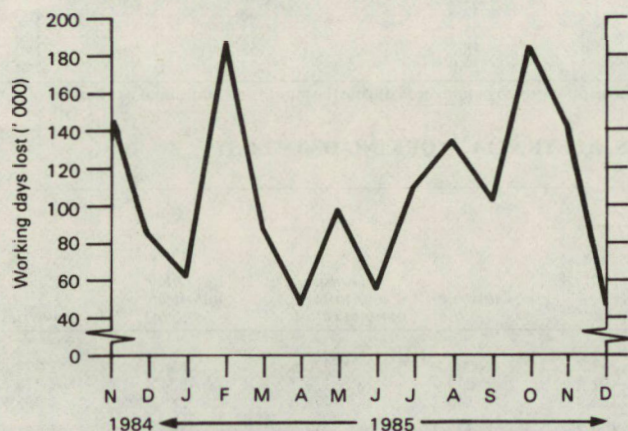
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MAIN FEATURES



In December 1985, 44,800 working days were lost by 32,200 workers in 117 disputes. In the 12 months ended December 1985, 1,254,600 working days were lost compared with 1,307,400 and 1,641,400 working days lost in the 12 months ended December 1984 and December 1983 respectively.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Coverage

The statistics relate only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more at the establishments where the stoppages occurred.

2. The figures of working days lost relate to the losses due to industrial disputes (as defined in paragraph 4) and not to aggregate losses for the economy as a whole. Details shown in this publication refer to all disputes in progress during the reference period indicated.

3. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled mainly from data obtained from employers (both private and government) and trade unions concerning individual disputes and from reports of government authorities. Particulars of some stoppages (for example, those involving a large number of establishments) may have been estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving only a broad measure of the extent of industrial disputes (as defined).

Definitions

4. For these statistics an industrial dispute is defined as a withdrawal from work by a group of employees or a refusal by an employer or a number of employers to permit some or all of

their employees to work, each withdrawal or refusal being made in order to enforce a demand, to resist a demand, or to express a grievance.

5. *Workers involved* include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are those thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but who are not themselves parties to the dispute.

6. Differences between monthly and annual totals of workers involved can occur due to temporary cessations of stoppages that resume in subsequent months. Workers re-involved in this type of dispute are included in the monthly totals.

7. *Working days lost* refer to man-days lost by workers directly and indirectly involved in the dispute and figures are generally as reported by parties to the dispute. For some disputes working days lost are estimated on the basis of the number of workers involved and the duration of the dispute.

8. *Working days lost per 1,000 employees* have been compiled from those lost by workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more in the establishments where the stoppages occurred. Working days lost in agriculture, etc. and in private households employing staff have been excluded from Tables 4 and 5 but included in Tables 1 to 3.

9. The estimates of employees are obtained from the Labour Force survey.

Other ABS publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

Industrial Disputes, Australia (6322.0)—issued annually, contains more detailed information including statistics on the cause, method of settlement and duration of industrial disputes.

Labour Statistics, Australia, 1984 (6101.0) (\$4.50, \$6.50 incl. postage)

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly (\$1.20, \$2.10 incl. postage)

11. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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12. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost ('000)
	Commenced in period	Total(a)	Newly involved(b)	Total(a)	
Twelve months ended—					
June 1983	1,817	1,846	569.7	605.1	1,999.6
1984	1,826	1,856	429.0	447.1	1,279.6
1985	1,879	1,894	611.8	614.2	1,305.7
December 1983	1,779	1,787	453.0	470.5	1,641.4
1984	1,958	1,965	553.1	562.3	1,307.4
1985	1,819	1,834	549.2	567.1	1,254.6
1985—					
January	111	126	25.5	43.3	61.4
February	160	188	46.5	51.4	187.2
March	148	167	42.1	48.7	84.5
April	105	123	24.8	29.3	46.4
May	134	153	64.8	70.3	98.4
June	133	155	28.4	34.9	57.2
July	205	229	54.2	60.3	109.8
August	176	210	72.2	96.4	136.3
September	171	192	38.3	60.7	103.3
October	202	222	75.1	83.0	185.1
November	171	195	48.2	53.5	140.2
December	103	117	29.0	32.2	44.8

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) Comprises workers involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional workers involved in disputes which continued from the previous month.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	Manufacturing								All industries
	Mining		Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other	Construc- tion	Transport and storage; Communication	Other industries (a)		
	Coal	Other							
Twelve months ended—									
June 1983	156.4	117.1	232.7	267.3	269.8	320.5	636.0	1,999.6	
1984	108.6	267.4	118.4	191.8	239.0	129.7	224.8	1,279.6	
1985	238.6	101.4	165.0	186.3	146.7	179.0	288.7	1,305.7	
December 1983	122.8	194.7	157.6	120.7	337.2	213.6	494.8	1,641.4	
1984	131.1	193.2	144.8	249.3	116.3	150.6	322.1	1,307.4	
1985	233.6	106.3	107.3	189.3	175.3	179.1	263.7	1,254.6	
1985—									
January	2.3	4.8	1.8	6.8	7.9	24.8	12.9	61.4	
February	102.8	13.1	18.2	4.8	6.0	8.0	34.1	187.2	
March	26.5	4.2	12.7	5.9	8.9	8.6	17.7	84.5	
April	1.0	2.5	3.5	13.1	7.8	5.5	13.2	46.4	
May	9.3	3.7	24.4	19.5	33.3	3.2	5.1	98.4	
June	11.5	2.5	3.3	6.9	14.1	1.2	17.8	57.2	
July	6.3	11.7	6.0	31.0	22.4	16.3	15.9	109.8	
August	6.9	16.7	10.5	50.0	19.9	18.6	13.7	136.3	
September	25.6	6.8	13.3	11.9	31.4	4.5	9.8	103.3	
October	16.1	4.3	4.6	21.6	10.0	28.1	100.5	185.1	
November	7.1	32.9	5.6	14.9	10.3	55.4	14.1	140.2	
December	18.4	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.3	4.9	8.7	44.8	

(a) ASIC divisions A, D, F, I to L.

TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
Twelve months ended—							
June 1983	927.5	350.1	411.2	110.6	131.7	53.9	1,999.6
1984	502.3	213.3	188.6	21.9	255.8	73.3	1,279.6
1985	581.5	225.0	314.6	24.8	100.8	32.9	1,305.7
December 1983	801.2	257.7	135.0	87.7	270.6	67.8	1,641.4
1984	660.6	187.5	236.5	25.5	119.2	50.5	1,307.4
1985	397.2	355.0	336.6	22.8	93.0	20.7	1,254.6
1985—							
January	38.6	12.5	3.5	1.0	4.7	0.1	61.4
February	38.5	11.2	133.2	0.4	3.0	0.7	187.2
March	38.6	14.4	20.9	3.1	6.7	0.6	84.5
April	17.6	11.2	5.0	1.1	9.4	1.2	46.4
May	29.8	26.7	25.9	1.3	10.0	3.6	98.4
June	26.5	22.5	0.7	1.1	3.5	0.5	57.2
July	34.5	37.4	11.6	2.4	13.2	5.4	109.8
August	41.9	21.4	46.6	4.2	13.3	4.6	136.3
September	35.8	7.7	48.2	2.4	6.3	0.6	103.3
October	43.0	120.4	8.1	3.2	7.7	1.3	185.1
November	29.6	62.8	29.3	0.9	11.8	0.8	140.2
December	22.7	6.9	3.7	1.7	3.2	1.4	44.8

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

CHART 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1984 AND 1985

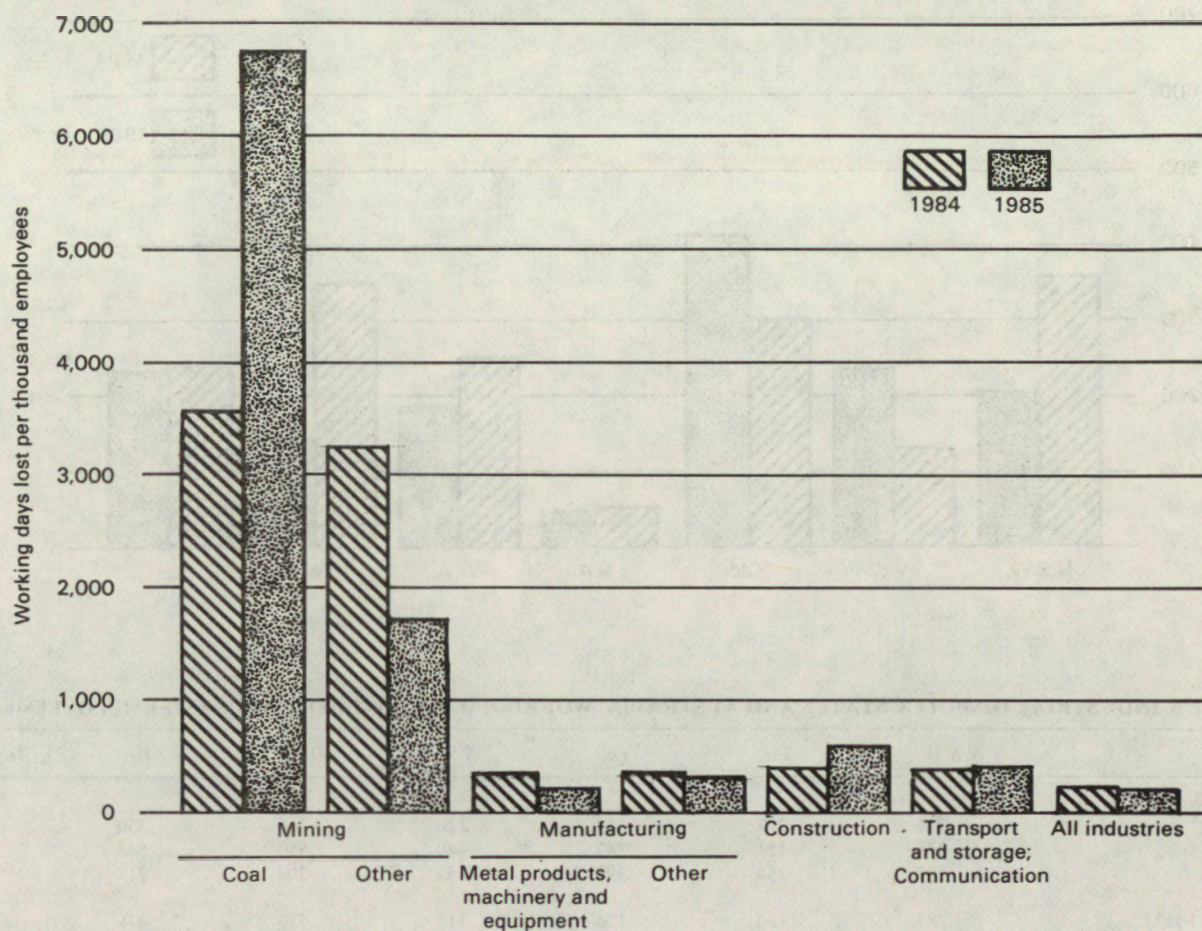


TABLE 4. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES (a)

Period	Mining		Manufacturing		Construction	Transport and storage; Communication	Other industries	All industries
	Coal	Other	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other				
Twelve months ended—								
June 1983	4,239	2,015	488	411	937	725	56	297
1984	2,814	4,602	268	297	907	295	67	246
1985	7,019	1,718	370	290	505	407	82	242
December 1983	3,223	3,375	353	186	1,269	485	42	249
1984	3,543	3,286	327	387	427	346	94	246
1985	6,732	1,723	242	296	580	401	75	230

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff.

CHART 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES, TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 1984 AND 1985

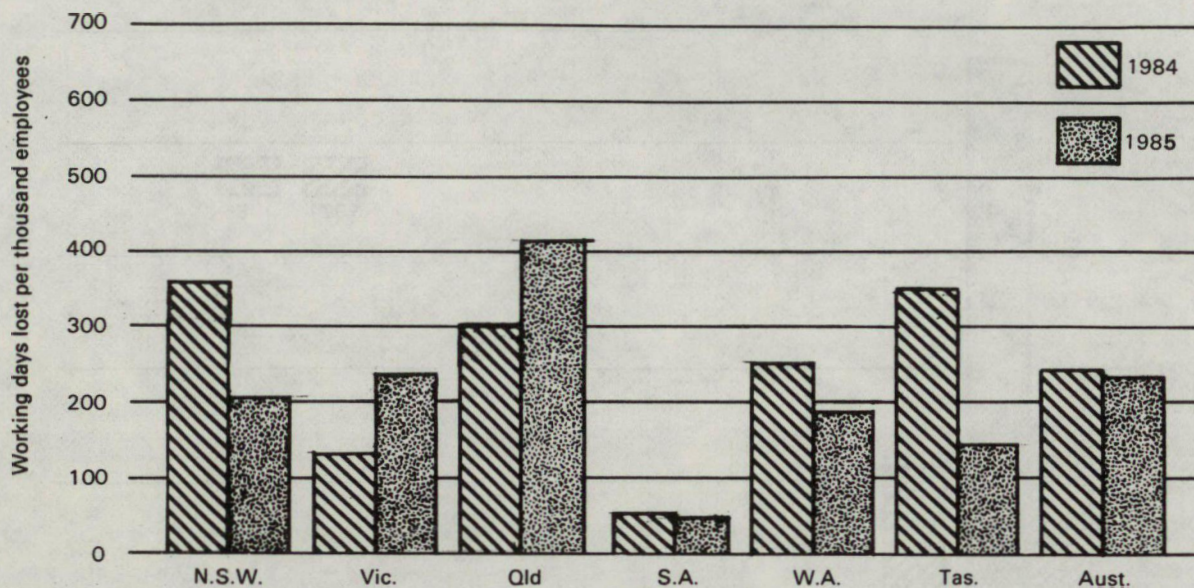


TABLE 5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: STATES AND AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST PER THOUSAND EMPLOYEES(a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
<i>Twelve months ended—</i>							
June 1983	314	227	534	120	266	350	297
1984	275	151	242	49	550	544	246
1985	307	154	397	54	209	218	242
December 1983	287	163	176	115	577	478	249
1984	355	131	301	56	251	352	246
1985	208	239	417	49	190	145	230

(a) Excludes agriculture, etc. and private households employing staff. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.